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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the non-final Action mailed June 20, 2007, the time for responding to which has been extended to and including December 20, 2007, by the Petition and authorization for payment of extension fees submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.